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SUBJ USG RETALIATION ON GOC BEEF IMPORT QUOTAS

1. RECENT CANADIAN PRESS ACCOUNTS OF POSSIBLE USG
RETALIATION ON IMPORTS CANADIAN BEEF AND CATTLE HAVE
SPARKED QUERIES IN PARLIAMENT.

2. VARIOUS CANADIAN PRESS ARTICLES CITING HIGH U.S.
OFFICIAL, SAY USG HAS DECIDED TO RETALIATE IN KIND
AGAINST IMPOSITION BY CANADA OF QUOTAS LIMITING IMPORTS
OF U.S. CATTLE AND BEEF. ACTION EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED
BY USG WITHIN WEEK WITH ONLY METHOD AND EXTENT OF
RETALIATION REMAINING TO BE DECIDED IN DISCUSSIONS UNDERWAY
IN WHITE HOUSE, STATE AND USDA.

3. CITING PRESS REPORTS, BERT HARGRAVE, MP, MEDICINE
HAT, ALBERTA, OCTOBER 2, QUERIED MINAG WHELAN IN
PARLIAMENT QUOTE IN VIEW OF THE VERY REAL POSSIBILITY
THAT CANADA'S CALF CROP WILL NOT FIND ADEQUATE HOMES
IN FEED LOTS IN WESTERN CANADA AND ONTARIO AND MAY HAVE
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TO GO TO UNITED STATES, DOES THE MINISTER (WHELAN) NOT

FEEL THERE SHOULD BE IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS TO FORESTALL
TRADE WARS OVER QUOTAS WITH THE UNITED STATES? UNQUOTE
WHELAN RESPONDED QUOTE WE ARE WELL AWARE OF WHAT COULD
POSSIBLY HAPPEN. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THE
US IS GOING TO DO ANYTHING. THIS IS A PRESS REPORT.
WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT ACTION THEY WILL TAKE. WE WILL HAVE
TO WAIT AND SEE. THERE HAS BEEN DISCUSSION. UNQUOTE

4. ON OCTOBER 3, SPEAKING IN PARLIAMENT DURING DEBATE ON
THRONE SPEECH WHELAN SAID HE WILL ASK COMMONS TO CONDUCT
INVESTIGATION OF CANADA'S BEEF INDUSTRY. HE SAID BEEF
SECTOR OF ECONOMY IS IN CHAOTIC CONDITION AND HE WILL
ASK COMMONS TO IDENTIFY INDUSTRY'S PROBLEM AND OUTLINE
MEASURES TO SOLVE THEM. ON OCTOBER 2 HE TOLD COMMONS
QUOTE OUR AUTHORITIES ARE MEETING WITH PROVINCIAL
AUTHORITIES ON MONDAY THIS WEEK (OCTOBER 7) TO CONSIDER
THE PLIGHT THAT THE NATIONS'S BEEF PRODUCERS FIND THEMSELVES
IN. AFTER THAT MEETING WE WILL BE IN BETTER POSITION
TO KNOW JUST WHAT, IF ANYTHING, WILL BE DONE. UNQUOTE
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